

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services – Registration & Stamps Department - allegation of corruption and irregularities against Sri Md.Shajahan, former Junior Assistant, Registrar Office (Original Branch), Rajahmundry, East Godavari District presently Junior Assistant, Sub Registrar Office, Seethanagaram, East Godavari District & four others – Surprise check conducted by the Anti Corruption Bureau on 14-10-2010 – Disciplinary proceedings initiated – Regular enquiry conducted – Report communicated – Representation received – Punishment of stoppage of two increments without cumulative effect – Orders – Issued.

REVENUE (VIGILANCE-II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.1029

Dated:6-10-2016.

Read the following:

1. Radio Message from the DSP, ACB, Rajahmundry dt:15-10-2010.
2. DG, ACB Lr.Rc.No.66/DES-REG/2010, dt:9-5-2011.
3. Govt., Memo.No.48302/Vig.Vi(1)/2012-1, dt:1-6-2011.
4. G.O.Ms.No.1614, Rev (Vig.VI) Deptt., dt:9-8-2011.
5. G.O.Rt.No.994, Rev (Vig.VI) Deptt., dt:9-8-2011.
6. G.O.Rt.No.19, Rev (Vig.II) Deptt., dt:4-1-2012.
7. D&IG, R&S, AP., Hyd., Lr.No.Vig.3/15705/2010, dt:11-2-2016 along with enquiry report.
8. Govt., Memo.No.48302/Vig.II(1)/2010-5, dt:31-3-2016.
9. D&IG, R&S, AP., Hyd., Lr.No.Vig.3/15705/2010, dt:31-5-2016 along with representation of Sri Md.Shajahan, former Jr.Asst., RO (OB), Rajahmundry, presently Jr.Asst., SRO, Seethanagaram.

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ORDER:

Whereas, in the reference 1st read above, the Director General, Anti Corruption Bureau has reported that on the allegation of corrupt practices by officials of Registrar Office (Original Branch), Rajahmundry, a Surprise check has been conducted over the Registrar Office (Original Branch), Rajahmundry, East Godavari District.

2. And whereas, in the reference 2nd read above, the Director General, Anti Corruption Bureau while furnishing the detailed surprise check report have recommended to initiate departmental action for major penalty for violation of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964 against Sri Md.Shajahan, former Junior Assistant, Registrar Office (Original Branch) Rajahmundry among four others.

3. In the reference 4th read above, Government have initiated common disciplinary proceedings against all the officials involved in the surprise check since the nature of irregularity is common among them.

4. And whereas, in the reference 5th read above, Government have initiated disciplinary proceedings against Sri Md.Shajahan, former Junior Assistant, Registrar Office (Original Branch) Rajahmundry duly framing the following charge among four others.

Charge:

Sri Md.Shajahan, Jr.Asst., SRO, Rajahmundry indulged in corrupt practices and was found in possession of unaccounted account of Rs.51,170/- (collection of illegal gratifications) and thereby committed grave misconduct exhibiting lack of integrity and devotion to duty.

5. The Charged Officer have not submitted Written Statement of Defence and the prescribed limit has been elapsed. Government have examined the matter and appointed Deputy Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, Kakinada as Inquiring Authority in the reference 6th read above.

6. In the reference 7th read above, the Director & Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad has transmitted the Inquiring Authority report for taking necessary action in the matter.

7. The Inquiring Authority has stated that based on the documentary and oral evidence adduced in the case before him and in view of the reasons given therein, he hold that the charge held proved against Sri Md.Shajahan, former Junior Assistant, Registrar Office (Original Branch) Rajahmundry, presently Junior Assistant, Sub Registrar Office, Seethanagaram, East Godavari District.

8. Government have examined the matter and communicated the Inquiring Authority report to the Charged Officer in the reference 9th read above.

9. In the reference 9th read above, the Charged Officer Sri Md.Shajahan, former Junior Assistant, Registrar Office (Original Branch) Rajahmundry presently Junior Assistant, Sub Registrar Office, Seethanagaram, East Godavari District has submitted representation mainly stating among others that on 14.10.2010 at 10.30 AM, as usual he came to the office and noted personal cash of Rs.100/- in the personal cash Register and went to the computer cabin and started discharging his duties to generate the check slips for the documents presented to registration and stated that one Sri Shaik Usman Shariff who was his brother in law in connection with his marriage has requested to arrange certain amount as he was short of some money. He has also stated that he being Guardian, he told his brother in law that he was not having ready amount and stated that he will arrange the same from some known persons. He has further stated that accordingly, a week prior to the raid, he has requested Sri Kothapalli Venkata Ramana, Shroff at Sub Registrar's Office, Kadiyam who was known to him and stated that accordingly, Sri Kothapalli Venkata Ramana agreed to arrange the amount on the condition of early repayment. He has further stated that he told Sri Kothapalli Venkata Ramana, Shroff that his brother in law is in urgent need on account of the marriage and that he would arrange repayment at an early date and stated that on the date of raid, Sri Kothapalli Venkata Ramana came to him after completing his remittance duty at Rajahmundry and informed that he brought Rs.51,170/- (Fifty one thousand one hundred seventy only) which amount all he could secure. He has further stated that immediately, he went to the RCC roofed building located behind the main office to secure promissory note and an N.J. Stamp paper of Rs.100/- to create a collateral security for the loan borrowed by him and stated that he came back with the stamp paper, blank promissory note and when he was counting the amount given to him by the said Kothapalli Venkata Ramana, the Anti Corruption Bureau Officials came on raid.

10. He has further stated that despite his submission that he borrowed the amount, the Anti Corruption Bureau Officials did not pay heed to him and stated that they suspected that the said amount might be unaccounted money relating to some illegal gratification alleged to have been collected by him and seized the amount from him without affording him an opportunity to prove his innocence. He has further stated that though, he showed the promissory note and N.J. stamp paper available in front of him, they did not consider his request and further stated that though, the Anti Corruption Bureau Officials collected the signed blank promissory note as

well as the signed blank N.J. stamp paper, they did not make the same as part of the record. He has further stated that after receipt of the enquiry report, he was advised to file a certificate to the effect that he has purchased the stamp paper even before the date of raid and stated that as such, he has been making efforts to secure the said certificate, soon after its receipt, he will submit the same. He has further stated that in proof of his innocence, he was also advised to submit the wedding card and the booklet of the marriage of his brother in law Shaik Usman Shariff and stated that as the same is in Urdu, he got translated into Telugu and submitted the same. He has further stated that as required under the Muslim Law, he stood and signed as his guardian for the marriage as the father of his brother in law is no more.

11. He has therefore, requested the Government to exonerate him from the charges framed against him.

12. Government after careful examination of the matter in the light of the findings of the Inquiring Authority keeping in view the representation of the Charged Officer, observed that his contention that he borrowed the amount from Sri Kothapalli Venkata Ramana, Shroff, Office of the Sub Registrar, Kadiyam as a hand loan for the marriage of his brother in law is not convincing and the Regular Enquiry Officer hold that the charge held proved. Therefore, Government have decided and hereby order to impose a punishment of stoppage of two increments without cumulative effect against Sri Md.Shajahan, former Junior Assistant, Registrar Office (Original Branch) Rajahmundry, presently Junior Assistant, Sub Registrar Office, Seethanagaram, East Godavari District.

13. The Director & Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, Eedupugallu, Vijayawada, Krishna District shall take necessary action in the matter accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

AJEYA KALLAM
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To

The Individual

(through the Director & Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, Eedupugallu, Vijayawada, Krishna District with a request to serve the order on the individual and furnish the served copy to Government for record).

The Director & Inspector General, Registration & Stamps,
Eedupugallu, Vijayawada, Krishna District, Andhra Pradesh.

Copy to:

The Secretary to the Vigilance Commissioner,
Andhra Pradesh Vigilance Commission, A.P.Secretariat,
Velagapudi, Guntur District, Andhra Pradesh.

The Director General, Anti Corruption Bureau, P.N.Bus Station,
NTR Administration Block, 2nd Floor, Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh.

The Deputy Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, Kakinada,
East Godavari District.

The Deputy Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, Eluru,
West Godavari District.

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SECTION OFFICER